State Governments were informed accordingly in February, 2005. No funds have been allocated in the Budget for 2005-06 for sports infrastructure schemes. Thus, fresh proposals for the Sports infrastructure projects have to be funded by the State Governments out of their own resources.

Promotion of S&T

1041. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any new measures for the promotion of research in science and technology by bringing huge investment in this area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of research which have been found useful and cost effective in various sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) A substantial increase, more than double the 9th plan outlay, in the tenth plan outlay for S & T Departments is a clear indication of the commitment of the Government to the overall development of science and technology in the country. Government has taken a number of initiatives for the promotion of research in science and technology in the country. During the 10th Five Year Plan, the Government has focused on generating relevant innovative technologies; preserving, protecting and adding value to indigenous resources; adopting an appropriate mix of traditional, conventional and modern technologies; developing and nurturing human resource; strengthening basic research in the areas of frontline science and engineering and; promoting S&T interventions in major socio-economic Ministries and States so as to make them real stake holders of S&T. The support to research is enhanced through S&T mission mode programmes, establishment of new research centres of excellence, international collaborative projects, strengthening of R&D infrastructure in academic institutions and research labs, institution of prestigious fellowships like Swarnajayanti Fellowship for outstanding Young Scientists, Ramanna Fellowship for performing scientists, Shyama Prasad mukherjee Fellowship for Young Scientists, Ramanujam Fellowships to attract outstanding scientists and engineers from all over the world to take up scientific research in our country, J.C. Bose Fellowships to recognize and support active, performing Indian scientists and engineers. Major new initiatives are: National Biotechnology Strategy; Nano Science

and Technology Mission; National Mission on Bamboo Applications; Seismology Mission; Drug and pharmaceuticals R&D; New Millennium Indian Technology Leadershp initiative; Tsunami Warning System etc. Research in sectors like Drug and Pharmaceuticals, Health and Medical; focusing research in peptide based anti cancer drug, AIDS, tuberculosis etc., Nano Science and Technology; carbon nanotube based fluid energy sensors, sufrace coatings etc., Information Technology, Agriculture and Waste Utilization etc., are some examples which have been found to be useful and cost effective.

Match fixing rumours

1042. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Vigilance Team of ICC visited India in September 2005 when triangular series were played in Zimbabwe and there were some rumours of match fixing;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose of the visit of ICC Team;

(c) whether Government have enquired into the question of match fixing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) have informed that they have no information regarding the visit of Vigilance Team, from ICC to India in Sept-2005. This Ministry also does not have any formal information regarding visit of Vigilance team from ICC. Hence, the question of probing into the details of match fixing during the triangular cricket series played in Zimbabwe during September, 2005 does not arise.

Monitoring of banned drugs

1043. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Sports personnel found guilty of taking banned drugs during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that in almost all cases, these boys and girls were sent to foreign countries for training under foreign coaches; and